

IPW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/634,996 Confirmation No. : 7421
Patent No. : 7,017,983
First Named Inventor : Bernhard RITTER
Filed : August 6, 2003
TC/A.U. : 3612
Examiner : Dennis Pedder
Docket No. : 028987.52416US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Method and Apparatus for Moving a Multipart Sliding
Roof for a Motor Vehicle

REQUEST TO PLACE REFERENCES IN THE FILE

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please place the attached non-U.S. references listed on the PTO-1449 Form in the file wrapper for the above-identified application. These references were cited to the Applicants in a corresponding European Search Report. The European Search Report also cites U.S. Patent Nos. 5,749,617 and 5,951,100. Copies of the U.S. references are not being provided.

A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

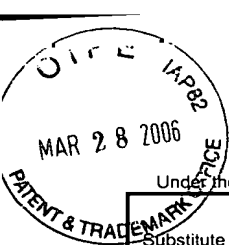
Respectfully submitted,

March 28, 2006



James F. McKeown
Registration No. 25,406

CROWELL & MORING LLP
Intellectual Property Group
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844
JFM:jjh



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/634,996		
		Patent Number	7,017,983		
		Filing Date	August 6, 2003		
		First Named Inventor	Bernhard RITTER		
		Art Unit	3612		
		Examiner Name	Dennis Pedder		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	028987.52416US

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
	AA	US-	5,749,617	05-12-1998	Alfons Weissrich et al.	
	AB	US-	5,951,100	09-14-1999	Kip A. Ewing et al.	
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)					
	AC	DE 10061187		06-27-2002	Webasto Vehicle Systems International GmbH		
	AD	DE 10062736		07-04-2002	Webasto Vehicle Systems International GmbH		AB
	AE	DE 3324107		03-22-1984	Webasto-Werk W. Baier GmbH & Co.		AB
	AF	DE 19941984		10-19-2000	Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG		AB

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials [*]	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	AG	European Search Report dated February 22, 2006	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.